

ETEXT ATTACHMENT

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In response to your letter dated July 8, 2005 regarding the Amended February Monthly Report (1/1/05-1/31/05) the Committee will post an amendment today to show new descriptions for itemized disbursements previously listed as Adjunct Staff, Building Operating Expense, Donations Gifts, and Non-Candidate Production. Since the Commission does not provide a complete list of acceptable purposes we hope that the purposes used in this amendment will satisfy the requirements. The amendment will also include a brief description of the offsets received by the Committee during the reporting period.

You have asked for clarification regarding certain disbursements itemized on Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) and you have asked that if any of them are for the benefit of specific candidates that they be shown on other lines. None of the disbursements itemized on Schedule B supporting Line 21 (b) are made on behalf of any candidates. They are all for the specific generic uses and benefit of the Committee. If disbursements were made on behalf of specific candidates they would be reported correctly as the Committee has done consistently.

You have stated that the Committee disclosed limited administrative expenses. As we discussed on the phone, the Committee disclosed millions of dollars in administrative expenses every month. You stated that the letter was sent because the Committee pays quarterly building lease costs and does not pay monthly rent. As for rent, your letter mentioned utilities, salaries, telephone service, office equipment and supplies. The Committee disclosed numerous disbursements for each of these categories as well as many others.

You have stated that the Committee disclosed in-kind contributions to federal candidates on the wrong line of the detail summary page. The Committee DID NOT make any in-kind contributions to federal candidates during this reporting period therefore there was no incorrect line reporting of in-kinds in the original filing.

If you have any further questions please contact me.
